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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

HARTWIG ET AL.

Examiner

Steven M. Marsh

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 22 December 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-26 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 16 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-15 and 17-26 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

This is the second office action for U.S. Application 10/670,445 for a Container Support Device filed on September 25, 2003. Claims 1-26 are pending.

Election/Restrictions

Applicant's election without traverse of species 2 in the reply filed on December 22, 2006 is acknowledged. Claim 16 is withdrawn from further consideration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.142(b) as being drawn to a nonelected species, there being no allowable generic or linking claim. Election was made **without** traverse in the reply filed on December 22, 2006.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

Claims 18-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to enable one skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and/or use the invention. Applicant claims that the support body is configured to rotate about the vertical axis of the joint body. However, it is not clear how the support body rotates

around a vertical axis of the joint body. The limitation is being searched to the best extend possible.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1-15 and 17-26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 3,750,994 to Bieschke. Bieschke discloses a support device with an attachment member (42, 43) with an attachment member base (43) that can couple a container support device to a weight scale. There is a joint body (30, 45) with first (30) and second (45) joint members attached to the attachment member and configured to rotate about a vertical axis thereof. There is also a container support body (23) secured to the joint body and at least one container support (21) extending from the support body and coupled to the body in rotatable relation. There is a rotation mount (34,35,42) positioned on the attachment member base and configured to have the joint body rotatably coupled thereto. The second joint member is movably coupled to the first joint member in movable relation and the first joint member has a first joint body base (32) with a rotation body (54,58) located thereon. There is a universal joint assembly with multiple (54, 58) block and pin universal joints and there are at least two container supports equidistant from the vertical axis of the support body (the end caps on the end

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of 16, not numbered in the '994 patent, but described in U.S. Patent 3,191,663 to Bieschke). The support device is configured to be coupled to a system for providing blood filtration therapies. The second joint member is configured to move along a first arc A1 and the support body is movably coupled to the second joint member and configured to move along a second arc A2, the arc A1 being perpendicular to A2.

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

U.S. Patent Des. 258,115 to Platek

U.S. Patent Des. 309,562 to Boscacci et al.

U.S. Patent 6,708,940 B2 to Legertwood

U.S. Patent 6,634,611 B1 to Shih.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Steven Marsh whose telephone number is (571) 272-6819. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 8:00AM to 4:30 PM. Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone

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number is (571) 272-3600. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571) 273-8300.

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March 15, 2007


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